

# K-State to hold beef symposium

Amid growing consumer interest in how food is produced, Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute will offer the 2010 International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare on Wednesday through Friday, May 19-21, in Manhattan.

"Beef cattle well-being is the foundation to any beef cattle operation," said Dan Thomson, institute director. "Ranchers and farmers strive to provide the best care possible for their animals.... This symposium is an example of how the beef industry and its researchers continue to find new advances in animal well-being for the cattle they raise for beef."

"The beef industry has nothing to hide from the American public. Nobody cares more for the well-being of cattle than the 700,000 beef producers who spend their lives raising them."

One of the speakers will be Temple Grandin, a Colorado State University professor of animal science who has earned a reputation for livestock handling systems and understanding of animal behavior. Other speakers include Joseph Stookey, an applied ethologist from the University of Saskatchewan; Mike Siemens, Car-

## Beef institute makes its mark

Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute was founded in 2007, to create a collaborative environment to tackle issues facing the beef industry through education, research and outreach.

Since then, it has held training sessions, produced multimedia training, published an electronic newsletter and built a Web site at [www.beefcattleinstitute.org](http://www.beefcattleinstitute.org).

At stake, said Dan Thomson, K-State associate professor and institute director, is Kansas' role in U.S. and global beef production. In 2008, cattle in Kansas produced \$6.24 billion in in-

come. For each \$1 million expansion or decline in the cattle ranching and feeding sector, he said, total economic activity in Kansas expands or contracts by \$1.96 million.

As of Jan. 1, 2009, Kansas ranked third nationally in total cattle numbers and cattle on feed, with 6,300,000 total head and 4,790,000 on feed. Sixteen of the 25 largest cattle feeders in the United States have facilities in Kansas, representing a major market for Kansas feed grain. In 2008, Kansas ranked third in total red-meat production. Beef represented 5.3 billion pounds of total red meat.

with dehorning, castration and lameness; animal welfare at the packing plant; and more.

For those unable to attend, a live webcast will be available.

The conference will be preceded by a half-day session on emergency preparedness at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. It will cover topics such as handling loose cattle after an accident; moving downed animals, humane safety and handling fractious animals; humane euthanasia techniques and choices in the field; and emergency response techniques for wounded cattle.

Early registration fees of \$30 for the half-day preparedness Session and \$100 for the on-site symposium are due by Thursday, April 1. Early registration for the live webcast is \$100 at home or \$500 for a group. The fee covers participation in all symposium sessions, one lunch, refreshment breaks and a copy of the proceedings.

Information and online registration is available at [www.isbcw.beefcattleinstitute.org](http://www.isbcw.beefcattleinstitute.org).

gill; Janice Swanson, Michigan State University; Glynn Tonsor, Michigan State; Ron Gill, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; and veterinarian Tom Noffsinger.

Presentations will cover how the beef industry can communicate to government; teaching cattle welfare; analgesic pharmacology and management of pain associated

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## ~ League Bowling Results ~

January 19, 2010 - Pinbusters League				January 20, 2010 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Cummins Central Power	117	83	1	Susie's Circus	8	0	1
Roommasters	112	88	2	Strike-Outs	7	1	2
Colby Automotive	100	100	3	Bop Shop Betties	6	2	3
Subway	100	100	4	Minds in the Gutter	5	3	4
Colby Bowl	99	101	6	Swartz Veterinary Clinic	4	4	5
Corona Kids	92.5	107.5	7	Straightline	4	4	6
Al's Painting	91	109	8	Assist-Ur-Sale	4	4	7
Bargos	88.5	111.5	9	Twisters II	4	4	8
First high Individual game: Josh Ryan, 279				Twisters	3	5	9
First high Individual series: Jason Hoppe, 725				Service Oil	2	6	10
				Don's Electric	1	7	11
				First high Individual game: Crystal Berndt, 219			
				First high Individual series: Deanna Smith, 579			
January 18, 2010 - First Nighters League				January 22, 2010 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Sparky's Firework	117.5	42.5	1	Once Upon a Sign	38.5	29.5	1
Kansas Quicklube	101	59	2	Colby Bowl	36	32	2
Frontier Ag Inc.	96	64	3	Cal Williams	29.5	38.5	3
Woolter Well & Pump	93	67	4	First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 223			
Parking Lot Maintenance	81	79	5	First high Individual series: Bobbi Barton, 558			
Grinnell Furniture	78.5	81.5	6				
Pepsi	75.5	84.5	7	January 19, 2010 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Fire Xtrikers	70	90	8	Team	Won	Lost	Place
Discount Repair of	65.5	94.5	9	www.strike	7	1	1
NW Refrigeration	62.5	97.5	10	NW Vacuum	6	2	2
Wild Ride	60	100	11	Bowlerettes	2	6	3
McKee	59.5	100.5	12	Van's Merry Four	1	7	4
First high Men Individual game: Jeff Wagoner, 249				First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 202			
First high Men Individual series: Scott Williams, 708				First high Individual series: Liz Sweat, 512			
January 21, 2010 - King Pin League				January 17, 2010 - King and Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place	Team	Won	Lost	Place
5 Pony Men	92.5	27.5	1	Benson-Schmidtbe	27	13	1
Drinkin Mates	88.5	31.5	2	Norman-Mackley	26	14	2
Balls Deep	84	36	3	Cook-Lanning	25	15	3
Morgan Construction	75	45	4	Team RB	23	17	4
Kurts Pro	63.5	56.5	5	Pancake-Unruh	22	18	5
T.J. Tire	55	65	6	Niermeier-McCarthy	20	20	6
Colby Automotive	52	68	7	Schissler-Wolf	19.5	20.5	7
Thomas County Feeder	52	68	8	Prochazka-Jacobs	19	21	8
www.visitcolby.com	30.5	89.5	9	Kreutzer-Garrett	19	21	9
First high Individual game: Kevin Griffith, 259				Swartz-Barnett	17	23	10
First high Individual series: Gordon Berry, 628				Schroeder-Schroeder	14.5	25.5	11
				First high Men Individual game: Matt Schmidtberger, 247			
				First high Men individual series: Matt Schmidtberger, 655			
				First high Women individual game: Deb Norman, 199			
				First high Women individual series: Deb Norman, 538			

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